



Falls Church Farmers Market To Go Operating Guidelines

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The Governor and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) has determined that farmers markets can remain open and operate as Take-Out and Delivery services to the citizens of Virginia. In fact, VDACS has gone on record encouraging markets to stay open to provide a valuable source of food and produce. To comply and keep the market open on a limited basis the following guideline and rules will be adhered to:

- 1. The Farmers Market To Go will be open as a take-out market on Saturdays from 9am to 12pm.
- 2. Attendance will be limited to 10 customers at a time.
- 3. A minimum social distancing and physical separation of 6 feet will be enforced.
- 4. Shopping and browsing will not be permitted.
- 5. Only one person per family will be allowed into the market.
- 6. There will be two controlled and staffed entrances to the market. One entrance will be on Park Avenue and the other will be off of Little Falls Street.
- 7. Where needed, caution tape and barricades will be installed to prevent access to the market from any place other than the two staffed entrances.
- 8. Patrons can park in the community center parking lot, on the street, or in the adjacent private parking lots.
- 9. There will be hand sanitizing wipes or lotion at each entrance.
- 10. There will be at least fifteen feet between producer stands.
- 11. Producers are required to wipe their table top off frequently.
- 12. Producers must wear gloves and change those glove frequently.
- 13. Producers should have hand sanitizer available at their stand.
- 14. Producers cannot set up a display.
- 15. No sampling will be allowed.
- 16. Producers can only sell items that are prepackaged.
- 17. Customers are not permitted to touch any items for sale other than the prepackaged bag or box they are handed by the producer.
- 18. Customers are to pre-order directly from the producers.
- 19. Staff will ask customers to confirm placed order.
- 20. Pre-paying for orders is preferred, but if that is not possible, credit card or check can be accepted at the market. Cash will be accepted only if a credit card is not available. No coins can be used to complete the transaction.
- 21. Producers are required to wipe off credit cards and card readers before and after each transaction.
- 22. Customers and producers who do not feel well should stay home. (This will be posted at the entrance to the market)
- 23. General information signs will be posted at entrance points.